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INFO AMCONSUL ADANA

AMEMBASSY ANKARA

AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

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AMCONSUL IZMIR

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

C O N F I D E N T I A L BAGHDAD 1402

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, TU, IZ

SUBJECT: IRAQI ATTACK ON TURKISH POLICE POST

REF ANKARA 7368

1. TURKISH AMBASSADOR IN BAGHDAD, NAZIF CUHRUK, TOLD ME ON SEPTEMBER 25 THAT GOVERNMENT OF IRAQ HAD APOLOGIZED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY FOR THE HELICOPTER ATTACK ON THE TURKISH POLICE POST ON THE IRAQI-TURKISH BORDER. FACTS OF INCIDENT WERE AS STATED IN REFTEL.

2. AMBASSADOR HAD MADE DEMARCHE TO FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT MORNING ON INSTRUCTIONS OF HIS GOVERNMENT TO PROTEST ATTACK. FOREIGN MINISTRY UNDER SECRETARY YASSIN HAD RECEIVED HIM AND GIVEN HIM A FORMAL APOLOGY. YASSIN SAID THAT GOI WOULD PAY COMPENSATION TO THE FAMILIES OF THE TURKISH VICTIMS. HE ALSO SAID THAT AN INVESTIGATION WAS UNDERWAY AND THAT DISCIPLINARY ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN AGAINST THE RESPONSIBLE IRAQI OFFICERS.

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3. AMBASSADOR SAID THAT GOI HAD "BEHAVED WELL", AND HE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT INCIDENT WOULD HAVE ANY SERIOUS EFFECT ON IRAQI-TURKISH RELATIONS.

4. COMMENT: GOI REACTION IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT IRAQI POLICY OF IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH ITS NON-RAB NEIGHBORS. IN ANY CASE, IRAQI ACTIONS IN THIS INCIDENT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO DEFEND.
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